

# FINANCIAL REPORT WITH SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Year Ended February 28, 2005 7, 9-3020

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2. We are certif	ied p	public acc	countants regi	stered to practic	e in Michi	gan.				
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

March 15, 2005

To the Village Council Village of Byron Shiawassee County, Michigan

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, business type activities and each major fund of Village of Byron, Shiawassee County, Michigan as of and for the year ended February 28, 2005, which collectively comprise the Village's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of Village of Byron's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, business type activities and each major fund of the Village of Byron, Shiawassee County, Michigan as of February 28, 2005, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows where applicable, of these activities and funds for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As described in Note 1, the Village has implemented a new financial reporting model, as required by the provisions of GASB Statement No. 34, Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments, as of March 1, 2004.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis and budgetary comparison information listed in the table of contents are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management, regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the Village's basic financial statements. The other supporting information described in the accompanying table of contents is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied by us in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, it is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

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**Certified Public Accountants** 

# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS For the year ended February 28, 2005

The Management's Discussion and Analysis report of the Village of Byron covers the Village's financial performance during the year ended February 28, 2005.

#### **FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

Our financial status remained stable over the last year. Net assets at February 28, 2005, totaled \$442,331.00 for governmental activities and \$974,456.46 for business activities. Overall total capital assets remained approximately the same.

Overall revenues were \$382,11.57 (\$278,849.93 from governmental activities and \$103,361.64 from business-type activities). Governmental activities had a \$13,664.71 decrease in net assets. Business-type activities had a decrease in net assets of \$38,937.83.

Taxable value increased by approximately \$436,218.00.

We did not incur any new debt.

#### **OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

This annual report consists of three parts, management's discussion and analysis, the basic financial statements and required supplementary information. The basic financial statements include two different kinds of statements that present different views of the Village and the notes to the financial statements.

The first two statements are entity-wide financial statements and provide both long and short-term information about our overall financial status. These statements present governmental and business-type activities.

The remaining statements are fund financial statements, which focus on individual parts of the Village in more detail.

The notes to the financial statements explain some of the information in the statements and provide more detailed data.

Required supplementary information further explains and supports the financial statement information with budgetary comparisons.

#### **ENTITY-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The entity-wide statements report information about the Village as a whole using accounting methods used by private companies. The statement of net assets includes all of the Village's assets and liabilities. The statement of activities records all of the current year revenues and expenses regardless of when received or paid.

The two entity-wide statements report net assets and how they have changed. Net assets are the difference between the entity's assets and liabilities and this is one method to measure the entity's financial health or position.

Over time increases/decreases in the entity's net assets are an indicator of whether financial position is improving or deteriorating.

To assess overall health of the entity you may also have to consider additional factors such as tax base changes, facility conditions and personnel changes.

#### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

For the year ended February 28, 2005

All of the activities of the Village are reported as governmental activities and business-type activities. These include the General Fund, the Major Street Fund, the Local Street Fund, the Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund, the Water Fund and the Sewer Fund.

#### **FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the Village's funds, focusing on significant (major) funds not the Village as a whole. Funds are used to account for specific activities or funding sources. Some funds are required by law or bond covenants. The Village Council also may create them. Funds are established to account for funding and spending of specific financial resources and to show proper expenditures of those resources.

The Village has the following types of funds:

Governmental Funds: Some of the Village's activities are included in the governmental fund category. These funds are presented on the modified accrual basis, which is designed to show short-term financial information. You will note that the differences between the Village's entity-wide statements and the fund statements are disclosed in reconciling statements to explain the differences between them. The Village's governmental funds include the General Fund, the Major Street Fund, the Local Street Fund, and the Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund.

Business Type Funds: The Village has a Water Fund and a Sewer Fund which includes the activity of providing water and sewer to Village residents.

#### FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE VILLAGE AS A WHOLE

Our cash position in both the governmental and business-type activities remain strong.

#### FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE VILLAGE'S FUNDS

The General Fund had an increase in fund balance of \$35,328.65. The Major Street Fund had a decrease in fund balance of \$40,754.43. The Local Street Fund had an increase in fund balance of \$1,437.04. The Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund had an increase in fund balance of \$1,554.51.

The Water Fund had a decrease in net assets of \$38,811.42 and the Sewer Fund had a decrease in net assets of \$126.41.

#### CAPITAL ASSET AND LONG-TERM DEBT ACTIVITY

The Village's governmental activities invested \$0 in capital assets.

The Village's business-type activities invested \$0 in capital assets.

The Village's governmental activities paid \$859.52 of principal on long-term debt.

The Village's business-type activities paid \$0 of principal on long-term debt.

#### KNOWN FACTORS AFFECTING FUTURE OPERATIONS

The future of state revenue sharing is very clouded and it represents a significant portion of our income.

#### **CONTACTING THE VILLAGE'S MANAGEMENT**

This financial report is intended to provide our taxpayers, creditors, investors and customers with a general overview of the Village's finances and to demonstrate the Village's accountability for the revenues it receives. If you have any questions concerning this report please contact the Village Clerk or Village Treasurer at 810-266-4386 or 810-266-4610.

# GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS February 28, 2005

	GovernmentalActivities	Business-TypeActivities	Total
ASSETS:			
CURRENT ASSETS:			
Cash in bank	8 247 00	-	8 247 00
Investments	401 922 57	666 113 09	1 068 035 66
Accounts receivable	-	13 912 90	13 912 90
Total Current Assets	410 169 57	680 025 99	1 090 195 56
NONCURRENT ASSETS:			
Capital Assets	171 077 00	1 032 089 79	1 203 166 79
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(129 369 00)	(737 659 32)	(867 028 32)
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Total Noncurrent Assets	<u>41 708 00</u>	<u>294 430 47</u>	336 138 47
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>451 877 57</u>	<u>974 456 46</u>	1 426 334 03
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS:			
LIABILITIES:			
CURRENT LIABILITIES:			
Accounts payable	504 25	-	504 25
Total Current Liabilities	504 25	-	504 25
NONCURRENT LIABILITIES:			
Accrued compensated absences	9 042 32	_	0.040.00
·	<u> </u>		9 042 32
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	9 042 32		9 042 32
Total Liabilities	9 546 57		9 546 57
NET ASSETS:			
Invested in Capital Assets,			
Net of Related Debt	41 708 00	294 430 47	336 138 47
Restricted	50 952 47	-	50 952 47
Unrestricted	349 670 53	680 025 99	1 029 696 52
Total Net Assets	442 331 00	974 456 46	1 416 787 46
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS			

# GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES Year ended February 28, 2005

		Program Revenue	Governmental Activities Net (Expense)
FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS	Expenses	Charges for Services	Revenue and Changes in Net Assets
Governmental Activities:			
Legislative	3 310 00	-	(3 310 00)
General government	66 426 84	21 829 52	(44 597 32)
Public safety	35 664 52	5 762 55	(29 901 97)
Public works	178 674 85	-	(178 674 85)
Recreation and culture	<u>8 438 43</u>	<b>W</b>	(8 438 43)
Total Governmental Activities	292 514 64	27 592 07	(264 922 57)
Business Type Activities:			
Water and sewer	142 299 47	<u>95 758 23</u>	
Total Business Type Activities	142 299 47	95 758 23	
Total Government	434 814 11	123 350 30	(264 922 57)
General Revenues:			
Property taxes			88 691 51
State revenue sharing			113 993 40
Interest			4 616 80
Miscellaneous			43 956 15
Total General Revenues			251 257 86
Change in net assets			(13 664 71)
Net assets, beginning of year			<u>455 995 71</u>
Net Assets, End of Year			442 331 00

Business Type  Activities  Net (Expense)  Net (Expense)
Net (Expense) Net (Expense)
Revenue and Revenue and
Changes in Net Changes in Net
Assets Assets
- (3 310 00)
- (44 597 32)
- (29 901 97)
- (178 674 85)
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<u>1 013 394 29</u> <u>1 469 390 00</u>
<u>974 456 46</u> <u>1 416 787 46</u>

#### BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS February 28, 2005

<u>Assets</u>	<u>General</u>	Major Street	Local Street	Cemetery Perpetual Care
Cash in bank Investments	8 247 00 202 904 31	34 724 45	<u>113 341 34</u>	- 50 952 47
Total Assets	211 151 31	34 724 45	<u>113 341 34</u>	50 952 47
Liabilities and Fund Equity				
Liabilities: Accounts payable Total liabilities	504 <u>25</u> 504 <u>25</u>	<u>-</u>		
Fund equity: Fund balances: Reserved Unreserved:	-	-	-	50 952 47
Undesignated Total fund equity	210 647 06 210 647 06	34 724 45 34 724 45	113 341 34 113 341 34	50 952 47
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	211 151 31	<u>34 724 45</u>	<u>113 341 34</u>	50 952 47

# RECONCILIATION OF BALANCE SHEET OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS February 28, 2005

TOTAL FUND BALANCES - GOV	/ERNMENTAL FUNDS	409 665 32
Amounts reported for governr net assets are different be	mental activities in the statement of ecause –	
Capital assets used in govern therefore are not reported	mental activities are not financial resources and in the governmental funds balance sheet:	
Capital assets at Accumulated dep		171 077 00 (129 369 00)
Long-term debt liabilities are in therefore are not reported	not due and payable in the current period and in the governmental funds:	
Accrued compens	sated absences	(9 042 32)

442 331 00

TOTAL NET ASSETS - GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES

# STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS Year ended February 28, 2005

	General	Major Street	Local Street	Cemetery Perpetual Care
Revenues:			<u> </u>	reipetual Care
Property taxes	70 343 02	-	18 348 49	_
Licenses and permits	4 733 75	-	-	_
State revenue sharing	62 443 18	39 145 52	12 404 70	_
Charges for services:			12 101 10	-
Cemetery lots	3 000 00	•	-	1 000 00
Grave openings	5 562 20	•	_	-
Tax collection	1 433 57	_	_	_
Other	7 000 00	-	_	_
Fines and forfeits:				
Police fines	4 862 55	•	-	_
Interest	2 046 20	718 69	1 297 40	554 51
Rents	315 04	-	-	
Miscellaneous	43 641 11	-	-	_
Total revenues	205 380 62	39 864 21	32 050 59	<u> </u>
Expenditures:				
Legislative:				
Village Council	3 310 00	-	-	_
General government:				
Elections	418 30	-	_	_
Clerk	2 977 55	-	-	-
Treasurer	1 284 60	-	-	_
Village hall and grounds	49 550 23	-	-	-
Cemetery	12 096 16	-	-	-
Public safety:				
Police protection	34 862 52	-	-	***
Zoning	802 00	-	-	_
Public works:				
Department of Public Works	27 791 84	•	-	_
Highways and streets	-	80 618 64	30 613 55	_
Street lighting	8 312 10	_		_
Sanitation	20 208 24	-	•	-
Other:				
Employee fringe benefits	<u>8 438 43</u>	<b>34</b>		
Total expenditures	170 051 97	<u>80 618 64</u>	30 613 55	_
				<del></del>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues				
over expenditures	35 328 65	(40 754 43)	1 437 04	1 554 51
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Fund balances, March 1	<u>175 318 41</u>	<u>75 478 88</u>	111 904 30	<u>49 397 96</u>
E . 18				
Fund Balances, February 28	<u>210 647 06</u>	<u>34 724 45</u>	<u>113 341 34</u>	50 952 47

	Total
-	88 691 51 4 733 75 113 993 40
	4 000 00 5 562 20 1 433 57
•	7 000 00 4 862 55 4 616 80
	315 04 43 641 11
•	<u>278 849 93</u>
•	3 310 00
•	418 30 2 977 55 1 284 60 49 550 23 12 096 16
•	34 862 52 802 00
ı	27 791 84 111 232 19 8 312 10 20 208 24
	<u>8 438 43</u>
	281 284 16
	(2 434 23)
	412 099 55
	409 665 32

# RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES Year ended February 28, 2005

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# Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because: Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures; in the Statement of Activities, these costs are allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation Depreciation Expense Capital Outlay Repayment of debt principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, the repayment does not have an effect in the statement of activities but does reduce the debt balance in the statement of net assets. Principal payments on long-term debt (2 434 23) (2 434 23)

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES

#### STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS - BUSINESS TYPE FUNDS February 28, 2005

ACCETO:	Sewer Fund	Water Fund	Total
ASSETS:			
CURRENT ASSETS:			
Investments	595 427 44	70 685 65	666 113 09
Accounts receivable	<u>10 611 74</u>	3 301 16	13 912 90
Total Current Assets	606 039 18	73 986 81	680 025 99
NONCURRENT ASSETS:			
Capital Assets	807 050 39	225 039 40	1 032 089 79
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(536 186 93)	(201 472 39)	
,	1000 100 007	(201 472 39)	(737 659 32)
Total Noncurrent Assets	270 863 46	23 567 01	294 430 47
TOTAL ASSETS	876 902 64	97 553 82	974 456 46
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS:			
LIABILITIES:			
CURRENT LIABILITIES	-	-	_
Total Liabilities	_		
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NET ASSETS:			
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related D	ebt 270 863 46	23 567 01	294 430 47
Unrestricted	606 039 18	73 986 81	
		70 000 01	680 025 99
Total Net Assets	876 902 64	97 553 82	974 456 46
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	876 902 64	97 553 82	074 456 46
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# STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS – BUSINESS TYPE FUNDS Year ended February 28, 2005

_		Sewer Fund	Water Fund	Total
	OPERATING REVENUES:			
	Charges for Services:			
	Service charges	71 513 33	22 564 90	94 078 23
	Hydrant tax		1 680 00	1 680 00
	Total Operating Revenues	71 513 33	24 244 90	<u>95 758 23</u>
-	OPERATING EXPENSES:			
	Salaries and wages	22 839 12	9 532 54	32 371 66
	Administration fees	3 000 00	1 000 00	4 000 00
-	Operating supplies	3 159 54	4 574 57	7 734 11
	Professional services	2 200 00	36 906 25	39 106 25
	Insurance	2 000 00	1 500 00	3 500 00
_	Utilities	2 076 57	2 166 24	4 242 81
	Repairs and maintenance	21 497 84	1 790 00	23 287 84
	Total Operating Expenses	56 773 07	57 469 60	114 242 67
	Operating Income (loss) before depreciation	14 740 26	(33 224 70)	(18 484 44)
	Less: depreciation	(21 353 72)	(6 703 08)	(28 056 80)
-	Operating income (loss)	(6 613 46)	(39 927 78)	(46 541 24)
	NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)	•		
_	Interest income	6 487 05	1 116 36	7 603 41
	Total Nonoperating Expenses	6 487 05	1 116 36	7 603 41
-	Change in net assets	(126 41)	(38 811 42)	(38 937 83)
	Net assets, beginning of year	877 029 05	136 365 24	1 013 394 29
	Net Assets, End of Year	876 902 64	97 553 82	974 456 46

#### <u>STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS - BUSINESS TYPE FUNDS</u> Year ended February 28, 2005

	Sewer Fund	Water Fund	Total
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVI Cash received from customers Cash payments to suppliers for	TIES: 71 764 14	24 375 79	96 139 93
goods and services Cash payments to employees for	(33 933 95)	(47 937 06)	(81 871 01)
Services	(22 839 12)	(9 532 54)	(32 371 66)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	14 991 07	(33 093 81)	(18 102 74)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVIT Interest income Net cash provided (used) by operating	IES: 6 487 05	1 116 36	7 603 41
activities	6 487 05	1 116 36	7 603 41
Net increase (decrease) in cash	21 478 12	(31 977 45)	(10 499 33)
Cash beginning of year	573 949 32	102 663 10	676 612 42
Cash End of Year	<u>595 427 44</u>	70 685 65	666 113 09
RECONCILIATION OF INCOME (LOSS) FROM NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING	OM OPERATIONS TO ACTIVITIES:		
Income (loss) from operations Adjustments to reconcile income (loss) from operations to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:	(6 613 46)	(39 927 78)	(46 541 24)
Depreciation (Increase) decrease in receivables	21 353 72 250 81	6 703 08 130 89	28 056 80 381 70
Net Cash Provided (Used) in Operating Activities	14 991 07	(33 093 81)	(18 102 74)

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS February 28, 2005

#### Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accounting policies of the Village of Byron, Shiawassee County, Michigan, conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governmental units.

#### Reporting Entity

The financial statements of the Village contain all the Village funds that are controlled by or dependent on the Village's executive or legislative branches.

The reporting entity is the Village of Byron. The Village is governed by an elected Village Council. As required by generally accepted accounting principles, these financial statements present the Village as the primary government.

#### **Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements**

The government-wide financial statements, (the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Changes in Net Assets) report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the primary government. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, normally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support.

The Statement of Activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function. Program revenues include: (1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use or directly benefit from goods, services or privileges provided by a given function; and (2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function. Taxes, intergovernmental payments and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported as general revenue.

Major individual governmental and business type funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

#### Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenue is recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenue in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met. When an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net assets are available, restricted resources are applied first.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenue is recognized as soon as it is both measurable and available. Revenue is considered to be available if it is collected within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, expenditures relating to compensated absences, and claims and judgments are recorded only when payment is due.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS February 28, 2005

## Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

#### **Governmental Funds**

#### General Fund

This fund is used to account for all financial transactions except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The fund includes the general operating expenditures of the local unit. Revenues are derived primarily from property taxes, state and federal distributions, grants, and other intergovernmental revenues.

#### Special Revenue Funds

These funds are used to account for specific governmental revenues requiring separate accounting because of legal or regulatory provisions or administrative action.

#### Permanent Fund

The Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund is used to account for assets that are legally restricted.

#### **Proprietary Funds**

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the Water and Sewer enterprise funds are charges to customers for services. The enterprise funds also recognize as operating revenues the tap fees intended to recover the cost of connecting new customers to the system. Operating expenses for the enterprise funds include the cost of services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

#### Assets, Liabilities and Net Assets or Equity

Bank deposits and investments – Cash and cash equivalent investments include cash on hand, demand deposits, certificates of deposit and short-term investments with a maturity of three months or less when acquired. Investments are stated at fair value.

#### Receivables

Receivables have been recognized for all significant amounts due to the Village. Allowances for uncollectible accounts have not been provided for in that collection is not considered doubtful and any uncollected amount would be immaterial.

#### <u>Inventories</u>

Inventories of supplies are considered to be immaterial and are not recorded.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS February 28, 2005

# Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

#### **Property Taxes**

Property taxes and other revenue that are both measurable and available for use to finance operations are recorded as revenue when earned.

Properties are assessed as of December 31 and the related property taxes become a lien on July 1 of the following year. These taxes are due on September 15. The Village 2004 tax roll millage rate was 10.879 mills, and the taxable value was \$8,469,724.00.

#### **Encumbrances**

Encumbrances involving the current recognition of purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for future expenditures are not recorded.

#### **Capital Assets**

Capital assets are defined by the Village as assets with an initial cost of more than \$2,500.00 and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost. Donated assets are reported at estimated fair market value at the date of donation. Additions, improvements and other capital outlays that significantly extend the useful life of an asset are capitalized. Other costs incurred for repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred. Depreciation on all assets is provided on the straight-line basis over the following estimated useful lives:

Buildings, additions and improvements Furniture and equipment

50 years 5-20 years

#### Compensated Absences (Vacation and Sick Leave)

The liability for vacation and sick leave benefits attributable to the Village are recorded as an expenditure and liability in the respective funds. Employees may accumulate an unlimited number of days of vacation leave and are paid for unused sick leave upon termination of employment.

#### Post-employment Benefits

The Village provides no post-employment benefits to past employees.

#### **Fund Equity**

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report reservations of fund balance for amounts that are not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for use for a specific purpose. Designations of fund balance represent tentative management plans that are subject to change.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS February 28, 2005

# Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

#### **Accounting Change**

Effective March 1, 2004, the Village implemented the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments* (GASB No. 34). Changes to the Village's financial statements as a result of GASB No. 34 are as follows:

A Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) section providing analysis of the Village's overall financial position and results of operations has been included.

Government-wide financial statements (Statement of Net Assets and Statement of Activities) prepared using the full accrual accounting for all the Village's activities have been provided.

Capital assets in the governmental activities column of the Statement of Net Assets include net assets totaling \$41,708.00.

#### Note 2 - Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The following procedures are followed in establishing the budgetary data reflected in these financial statements:

- 1. Prior to the beginning of the fiscal year, the proposed budget for each budgetary fund is submitted to the Village Council for consideration.
- 2. The proposed budgets include expenditures as well as the methods of financing them.
- 3. Public hearings are held to obtain taxpayer comments.
- 4. The budgets are adopted at the activity level by a majority vote of the Village Council.
- 5. The budgets are adopted on the modified accrual basis of accounting.
- 6. The originally adopted budgets can be amended during the year only by a majority vote of the Village Council.
- The adopted budgets are used as a management control device during the year for all budgetary funds.
- 8. Budget appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year.
- The budgeted amounts shown in these financial statements are the originally adopted budgets with all amendments that were approved by the Village Council during the fiscal year.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS February 28, 2005

#### Note 3 - Deposits and Investments

Michigan Compiled Laws, Section 129.91, authorizes the Village to deposit and invest in the accounts of federally insured banks, credit unions, and savings and loan associations; bonds, securities and other direct obligations of the United States, or any agency or instrumentality of the United States; United States government or federal agency obligation repurchase agreements; banker's acceptance of United States banks; commercial paper rated within the two highest classifications, which mature not more than 270 days after the date purchase; obligations of the State of Michigan or its political subdivisions which are rated as investment grade; and mutual funds composed of investment vehicles which are legal for direct investment by local units of government in Michigan. Financial institutions eligible for deposit of public funds must maintain an office in Michigan.

The Village Council has designated one bank for the deposit of Village funds. The investment policy adopted by the council in accordance with Public Act 196 of 1997 has authorized investment in all investments authorized by state law as listed above.

The Village's deposits and investments are in accordance with statutory authority.

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 3, risk disclosures for the cash deposits are as follows:

	<u>Amounts</u>
Total Deposits	<u>8 247 00</u>
Amounts in the bank balances are without considering deposits in trai	nsit or uncleared checks.
	Bank <u>Balances</u>
Insured (FDIC) Uninsured and Uncollateralized	8 247 00
Total Deposits	<u>8 247 00</u>

The Village's investments are categorized below to give an indication of the level of risk assumed by the Village. Risk category 1 includes those investments that meet any one of the following criteria: insured, registered, or held by the Village or its agent. Risk categories 2 and 3 include investments that are neither insured nor registered. Category 2 includes investments that are held by the counterparty's trust department (or agent) in the Village's name. Category 3 includes investments held by the counterparty or the counterparty's trust department (or agent) but not in the Village's name. The GASB Statement No. 3 risk disclosures for the Village's investments are categorized as follows:

Investment Type	(1)	(2)	(3)	Carrying Amount
Risk-Categorized: Operating Funds		-		
Total Risk-Categorized Investments	-	-		-

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS February 28, 2005

## Note 3 - Deposits and Investments (continued)

Nonrisk-Categorized: Financial Institution	(1)	(2)	(3)	Amount
Pooled Funds				1 068 035 66
Total Investments				<u>1 068 035 66</u>

The financial institution pooled funds are not categorized because they are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book entry form. Management believes that the investments in the funds comply with the investment authority noted above.

#### Note 4 - Capital Assets

Capital asset activity of the Village's Governmental and Business Type activities for the current year was as follows:

Governmental Activities:	Balance 3/1/04	Additions	Deletions	Balance 2/28/05
Buildings Equipment	5 800 00 165 277 00	<u>-</u> -	-	5 800 00
Total	171 077 00			<u>165 277 00</u> 171 077 00
Accumulated Depreciation	(117 279 00)	(12 090 00)	-	(129 369 00)
Net Governmental Capital Assets	53 798 00	(12 090 00)		<u>41 708 00</u>
Business Type Activities: Water and Sewer Systems	1 032 089 79	-	-	1 032 089 79
Accumulated Depreciation	(709 602 52)	(28 056 80)	•	(737 659 32)
Net Business Type Capital Assets	<u>322 487 27</u>	(28 056 80)		294 430 47

#### Note 5 - Deferred Compensation Plan

The Village does not have a deferred compensation plan.

#### Note 6 - Pension Plan

The Village does not have a pension plan.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS February 28, 2005

#### Note 7 - Changes in Long-Term Debt

A summary of changes in long-term debt follows:

	Balance 3/1/04	Additions	Deductions	Balance 2/28/05
Accumulated Unpaid Benefits	9 901 84		<u>859 52</u>	9 042 32

#### Note 8 - Risk Management

The Village is exposed to various risks of loss related to property loss, torts, errors, omissions, and employee injuries (workers' compensation). The Village has purchased commercial insurance for property loss, torts and workers' compensation claims. Settled claims relating to the commercial insurance have not exceeded the amount of insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

#### Note 9 - Building Permits

As of February 28, 2005, the Village had building permit revenues of \$900.00 and building permit expenses of \$802.00.

## Note 10 - Segment Information for Enterprise Funds

The Village maintains two Enterprise Funds which provide sewer and water services. Segment information for the year ended February 28, 2005, is as follows:

	Sewer Fund	Water Fund
Operating revenues Depreciation expense Net income (loss) Net working capital Net assets	71 513 33 21 353 72 (126 41) 606 039 18 876 902 64	24 244 90 6 703 08 (38 811 42) 73 685 65 97 553 82

## BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - GENERAL FUND Year ended February 28, 2005

Revenues:	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Over (Under)
Property taxes	00 000 00			
Licenses and permits	68 000 00	70 000 00	70 343 02	343 02
State revenue sharing	4 544 00	3 811 00	4 733 75	922 75
Charges for services:	46 650 00	63 165 00	62 443 18	(721 82)
Cemetery lots				( == - <b>-</b> /
Grave openings	3 300 00	3 300 00	3 000 00	(300 00)
Tax collection	5 000 00	5 000 00	5 562 20	562 20
Other	1 025 00	1 400 00	1 433 57	33 57
Fines and forfeits:	7 000 00	7 000 00	7 000 00	-
Police fines	2 500 00	5 131 00	4 862 55	(268 45)
Interest	11 176 00	2 000 00	2 046 20	46 20
Rents	360 00	315 00	315 04	04
Miscellaneous	3 000 00	3 000 00	43 641 11	40 641 11
Total revenues	152 555 00	164 122 00	<u>205 380 62</u>	41 258 62
Expenditures:				
Legislative:				
Village Council	5 880 00	4040.00		
General government:	2 000 00	4 212 00	3 310 00	(902 00)
Elections	070.00			,
Clerk	270 00	450 00	418 30	(31 70)
Treasurer	6 648 00	2 988 00	2 977 55	(10 45)
Building and grounds	1 376 00	1 286 00	1 284 60	(1 40)
Cemetery	55 445 00	92 609 00	49 550 23	(43 058 77)
Public safety:	17 976 00	17 976 00	12 096 16	(5 879 84)
				(00,001)
Police protection	42 750 00	35 385 00	34 862 52	(522 48)
Zoning Public works:	1 500 00	802 00	802 00	(022 10)
Department of Public Works	34 200 00	29 850 00	27 791 84	(2 058 16)
Street lighting	9 000 00	8 320 00	8 312 10	(7 90)
Sanitation	20 000 00	20 210 00	20 208 24	(1 76)
Other:				(170)
Employee fringe benefits	6 300 00	8 500 00	<u>8 438 43</u>	(61 57)
Total expenditures	201 345 00	222 588 00	170 051 97	(52 536 03)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues			····	
over expenditures	(48 700 00)	/EQ 400 00°		
·	(48 790 00)	(58 466 00)	35 328 65	93 794 65
Fund balance, March 1	48 790 00	58 466 00	175 318 41	116 852 41
Fund Balance, February 28	_	_	240.047.05	
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## BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE – MAJOR STREET FUND Year ended February 28, 2005

Revenues:	Original Budget	Final Budget	<u> Actual</u>	Variance with Final Budget Over (Under)
State revenue sharing Interest	34 000 00 400 00	39 000 00 700 00	39 145 52 718 69	145 52 18 69
Total revenues	34 400 00	39 700 00	39 864 21	<u>164 21</u>
Expenditures: Public works: Highways and streets	13 650 00	80 665 00	<u>80 618 64</u>	(40.00)
Total expenditures	13 650 00	80 665 00	80 618 64	(46 36) (46 36)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	20 750 00	(40 965 00)	(40 754 43)	210 57
Fund balance, March 1	and the same of th	40 965 00	75 478 88	<u>34 513 88</u>
Fund Balance, February 28	20 750 00		<u>34 724 45</u>	<u>34 724 45</u>

#### <u>BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE – LOCAL STREET FUND</u> Year ended February 28, 2005

Davagues	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Over(Under)
Revenues:				
Property taxes	17 750 00	18 348 00	18 348 49	49
State revenue sharing	11 500 00	12 405 00	12 404 70	(30)
Interest	<u>750 00</u>	1 300 00	1 297 40	(2 60)
Total revenues	30 000 00	32 053 00	32 050 59	(2 41)
Expenditures: Public works:				
Highways and streets	8 900 00	31 035 00	<u>30 613 55</u>	(421 45)
Total expenditures	8 900 00	<u>31 035 00</u>	<u>30 613 55</u>	(421 45)
Excess of revenues				
over expenditures	21 100 00	1 018 00	1 437 04	419 04
Fund balance, March 1	<b>V4.</b>		111 904 30	111 904 30
Fund Balance, February 28	21 100 00	1 018 00	113 341 34	112 323 34

#### <u>BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUND</u> Year ended February 28, 2005

Revenues:	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Over (Under)
Cemetery lots	1 500 00	1 500 00	1 000 00	(500 00)
Interest	300 00	300 00	554 51	<u>254 51</u>
Total revenues	1 800 00	1 800 00	<u>1 554 51</u>	(245 49)
Expenditures: General government:				
Cemetery	9 676 00	9 676 00		(9 676 00)
Total expenditures	9 676 00	9 676 00	-	(9 676 00)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues				
over expenditures	(7 876 00)	(7 876 00)	1 554 51	9 430 51
Fund balance, March 1	7 876 00	7 876 00	49 397 96	41 521 96
Fund Balance, February 28	-		50 952 47	50 952 47

#### GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES BY DETAILED ACCOUNT Year ended February 28, 2005

	Village Council:	
	Fees and per diem	3 310 00
_		
	Elections:	
	Wages	356 80
_	Supplies	61 50
	Clerk:	418 30
	Salary	
	Office supplies	1 896 60
_	Telephone	786 39
	Insurance	94 56
		200 00 2 977 55
	Treasurer:	<u> </u>
	Salary	825 60
	Office supplies	259 00
_	Insurance	200 00
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	Village hall and grounds:	
_	Wages	26 677 70
_	Hospitalization Utilities	19 247 72
	Contracted services	2 603 81
	Contracted Services	1 021 00
-	Cemetery:	49 550 23
	Salaries and wages	9 995 44
	Operating supplies	1 061 00
_	Insurance	500 00
	Miscellaneous	539 72
	<b>—</b>	12 096 16
_	Police protection:	
	Salaries and wages	21 236 16
	Operating supplies Professional services	2 332 10
	Telephone	2 567 25
	Gas and oil	750 52
	Insurance	2 462 74
	Repairs and maintenance	2 750 00
		<u>2 763 75</u> <u>34 862 52</u>
	Zoning:	34 802 32
	Contracted services	802 00
-	<b>.</b>	
	Department of Public Works:	
	Operating supplies	17 142 65
-	Gas and oil	3 559 57
	Telephone Insurance	661 27
	Repairs and maintenance	4 856 00
_	Printing and publishing	839 72
<del></del>	Miscellaneous	136 63
		<u>596 00</u>
	Street lighting:	<u>27 791 84</u>
_	Utilities	<u>8 312 10</u>
		031210

## GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES BY DETAILED ACCOUNT Year ended February 28, 2005

_	Sanitation: Contracted services	20 208 24
_	Employee fringe benefits: Unemployment Social security	623 66 
_	Total Expenditures	170 051 97

## COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - ALL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS February 28, 2005

		Major Street	Local Street	Total
<u>Assets</u>				
Investments		<u>34 724 45</u>	113 341 34	148 065 79
Total Assets		34 724 45	<u>113 341 34</u>	148 065 79
<u>Liabilities and Fu</u>	ınd Balances			
Liabilities			-	
Fund balances: Unreserved:				
Undesignate	d	<u>34 724 45</u>	<u>113 341 34</u>	148 065 79
Total Liabilities and F	Fund Balances	<u>34 724 45</u>	113 341 34	148 065 79

# COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES – ALL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS Year ended February 28, 2005

	Major Street	Local Street	Total
Revenues:			
Property taxes	-	18 348 49	18 348 49
State revenue sharing	39 145 52	12 404 70	51 550 22
Interest	718 69	1 297 40	2 016 09
Total revenues	39 864 21	32 050 59	71 914 80
Expenditures - Public Works:			
Highways and streets:			
Construction	49 693 03	12 736 02	62 429 05
Routine maintenance:		,	02 <del>1</del> 20 00
Salaries and wages	5 356 81	3 183 57	8 540 38
Operating supplies	668 41	759 74	1 428 15
Traffic signs	1 828 36	1 529 12	3 357 48
Repairs and maintenance	6 335 74	6 426 17	12 761 91
Snow removal	1 730 67	1 466 56	3 197 23
Professional services	14 005 62	3 512 37	17 517 99
Insurance	1 000 00	1 000 00	2 000 00
Total expenditures	80 618 64	30 613 55	111 232 19
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over			
expenditures	(40 754 43)	1 437 04	(39 317 39)
Fund balances, March 1	<u>75 478 88</u>	111 904 30	187 383 18
Fund Balances, February 28	<u>34 724 45</u>	113 341 34	148 065 79

#### BALANCE SHEET - PERMANENT FUND February 28, 2005

	<u>Assets</u>	Cemetery Perpetual  Care
	Investments	50 952 47
	Total Assets	50 952 47
-	<u>Liabilities and Fund Balances</u>	
	Liabilities	-
	Fund balances: Reserved	50 952 47
-	Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	50 952 47

# STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - PERMANENT FUND Year ended February 28, 2005

Revenues:	Care
Charges for services Interest	1 000 00 554 51
Total revenues	1 554 51
Expenditures – Cemetery	_
Excess of revenues over expenditures	1 554 51
Fund balance, March 1	49 397 96
Fund Balance, February 28	50 952 47

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# AUDIT COMMUNICATION AND REPORT OF COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

March 15, 2005

To the Village Council Village of Byron Shiawassee County, Michigan

We have audited the financial statements of the Village of Byron for the year ended February 28, 2005. As required by auditing standards generally accepted in the United States, the independent auditor is required to make several communications to the governing body having oversight responsibility for the audit. The purpose of this communication is to provide you with additional information regarding the scope and results of our audit that may assist you with your oversight responsibilities of the financial reporting process for which management is responsible.

# <u>AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY UNDER AUDITING STANDARDS GENERALLY ACCEPTED IN THE UNITED STATES</u>

We conducted our audit of the financial statements of the Village of Byron in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. The following paragraph explains our responsibilities under those standards.

Management has the responsibility for adopting sound accounting policies, for maintaining an adequate and effective system of accounts, for the safeguarding of assets, and for devising an internal control structure that will, among other things, help assure the proper recording of transactions. The transactions that should be reflected in the accounts and in the financial statements are matters within the direct knowledge and control of management. Our knowledge of such transactions is limited to that acquired through our audit. Accordingly, the fairness of representations made through the financial statements is an implicit and integral part of management's accounts and records. However, our responsibility for the financial statements is confined to the expression of an opinion on them. The financial statements remain the responsibility of management.

The concept of materiality is inherent in the work of an independent auditor. An auditor places greater emphasis on those items that have, on a relative basis, more importance to the financial statements and greater possibilities of material error than those items of lesser importance or those in which the possibility of material error is remote.

For this purpose, materiality has been defined as "the magnitude of an omission or misstatement of accounting information that, in light of surrounding circumstances, makes it probable that the judgment of a reasonable person relying on the information would have been changed or influenced by the omission or misstatement."

An independent auditor's objective in an audit is to obtain sufficient competent evidential matter to provide a reasonable basis for forming an opinion on the financial statements. In doing so, the auditor must work within economic limits; the opinion, to be economically useful, must be formed within a reasonable length of time and at reasonable cost. That is why an auditor's work is based on selected tests rather than an attempt to verify all transactions. Since evidence is examined on a test basis only, an audit provides only reasonable assurance, rather than absolute assurance, that financial statements are free of material misstatement. Thus, there is a risk that audited financial statements may contain undiscovered material errors or fraud. The existence of that risk is implicit in the phrase in the audit report, "in our opinion."

To the Village Council Village of Byron Shiawassee County, Michigan

In the audit process, we gain an understanding of the internal control structure of an entity for the purpose of assisting in determining the nature, timing, and extent of audit testing. Our understanding is obtained by inquiry of management, testing transactions, and observation and review of documents and records. The amount of work done is not sufficient to provide a basis for an opinion on the adequacy of the internal control structure.

## SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The significant accounting policies are described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

#### **OTHER COMMUNICATIONS**

Auditing standards call for us to inform you of other significant issues such as, but not limited to, 1) Accounting estimates that are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements or because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ markedly from management's current judgments; 2) Significant audit adjustments that may not have been detected except through the auditing procedures we performed; 3) Disagreements with management regarding the scope of the audit or application of accounting principles; 4) Consultation with other accountants; 5) Major issues discussed with management prior to retention; and 6) Difficulties encountered in performing the audit.

We have no significant issues, regarding these matters, to report to you at this time. Audit adjustments were minimal, and are available to review.

#### **GASB 34 IMPLEMENTATION**

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board issued a new reporting model for governmental units which was required to be implemented for the fiscal year ended February 28, 2005. The implementation of this pronouncement for the Village of Byron began with the year ended February 28, 2005. The daily operations and recording transactions did not change significantly, however, the Village is required to maintain additional records for the year end adjustments to the final presentation format.

# COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATION REGARDING INTERNAL CONTROLS/ COMPLIANCE/ EFFICIENCY

Our procedures disclosed the following conditions that we would like to bring to your attention:

#### SEGREGATION OF DUTIES

A separation of duties between persons who authorize transactions and persons who have control over the related assets does not always exist.

The least desirable accounting system is one in which an employee is responsible for executing the transaction and then recording the transaction from its origin to its ultimate posting in the General Ledger. This increases the likelihood that intentional or unintentional errors will go undetected. In most cases, adequate segregation of duties substantially increases control over errors without duplication of effort.

We understand that due to the size of needed staff, a proper segregation of duties may be impractical and the "cost to benefit" relationship may not justify the addition of accounting staff to accomplish the desired segregation.

These conditions were considered in determining the nature, timing and extent of the audit tests to be applied in our audit of the Village's financial statements and this communication of these matters does not affect our report on the Village's financial statements, dated February 28, 2005.

To the Village Council Village of Byron Shiawassee County, Michigan

#### **SUMMARY**

We welcome any questions you may have regarding the foregoing comments and we would be happy to discuss any of these or other questions that you might have at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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CAMPBELL, KUSTERER & CO., P.C. Certified Public Accountants